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BIOAGENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND PRODUCT TESTING**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03/17/2006**

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the  
application as follows:

- ☒ Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which  
begins on page 3 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and  
include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.